

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the paper filed on March 31, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15, 21-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15, 21-23 are allowed over the prior art record.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The closest prior art of record Weidemer, (US Patent No 5,155,680) teaches computer software security and billing system; <http://www.rohan.sdsu.edu/~infosys/ist/resource/stdlabs.pdf>. teaches public usage internet terminals. Shiozaki (JP 2004258829) teaches a method for public usage internet terminal.

What they fail to teach or suggest:

A.

A selective access computer system comprising: a computing workstation having at least one software application and at least one device; a selective access mechanism for obtaining electronic payment authorization for a user's financial instrument and for permitting selective access to the computer workstation upon payment authorization for the user, the selective access mechanism including: a credit card and bank-issued debit card reader connected to the computing workstation for obtaining payment authorization; a resource tracker configured for determining an amount to be charged to the user based on at least one of a total amount of time that the computer system is used and a number of requests to the at least one device of the computer workstation; a desktop user interface to enable access, upon receipt of payment authorization, to at least one of: a program monitor configured for enabling selection of the at least one software application; and a peripheral input/output monitor configured for enabling selection of the at least one device; and a screen saver configured for appearing on a display of the computing workstation to prevent access to the desktop user interface of the computing workstation until payment authorization is received, the screen saver including at least one of: a tools preview function displayable on the screen saver and configured to identify tools accessible at the computer workstation, the tools including the at least one software application and the at least one device; and a price function on the screen saver and configured to identify information prices for using the tools at the computer workstation.

These distinct features render claim 15 allowable.

Claim 21 is dependant upon claim 15 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reason.

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A selective access computer system comprising: a computing workstation having at least one software application and at least one device; a selective access mechanism for obtaining electronic payment authorization for a user's financial instrument and for permitting selective access to the computer workstation upon payment authorization for the user, the selective access mechanism including: a credit card and bank-issued debit card reader connected to the computing workstation for obtaining payment authorization; a resource tracker configured for determining an amount to be charged to the user based on at least one of a total amount of time that the computer system is used and a number of requests to the at least one device of the computer workstation; a desktop user interface to enable access, upon receipt of payment authorization, to at least one of: a program monitor configured for enabling selection of the at least one software application and comprising: a keyword function menu configured to enable activation of the at least one software application and including at least one of a word processor function, a spreadsheet function, a presentation function, and an application service provider function; and monitor configured for enabling selection of the at least one Input/output device.

These distinct features render claim 22 allowable.

C.

A selective access computer system comprising: a computing workstation having at least one software application and at least one device; a selective access mechanism for obtaining electronic payment authorization for a user's financial instrument and for permitting selective access to the computer workstation upon payment authorization for the user, the selective access mechanism including: a credit card and bank-issued debit card reader connected to the computing workstation for obtaining payment authorization; a resource tracker configured for determining an amount to be charged to the user based on at least one of a total amount of time that the computer system is used and a number of requests to the at least one device of the computer workstation; a desktop user interface to enable access, upon receipt of payment authorization, to at least one of: a program monitor configured for enabling selection of the at least one software application; and a peripheral input/output monitor configured for enabling selection of the at least one input/output device and comprising: a keyword function menu configured to enable activation of the at least one input/output device and including at least one of a printer function, a scanner function, a copier function, a facsimile function, and a digital sender function.

These distinct features render claim 23 allowable.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Winter whose telephone number is **(571) 272-6713**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at **(571) 272-6712**. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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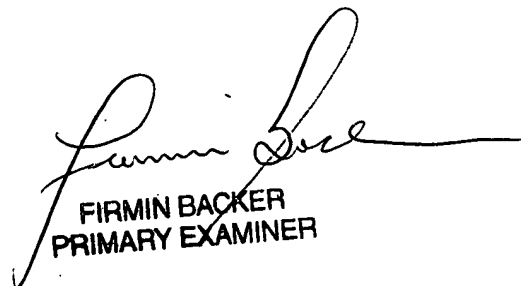
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